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Chief, Operations Group		3-5991	DATE December 1987	
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

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1. GENERAL

A. After declaring initial operating capability on 7 December, Tel Aviv Bureau completed FBA-1 installation with the conclusion of formal training and post-delivery support at the end of the month. The bureau views the automation project as a solid success and expects the system to become an even more effective tool through upcoming refinements and the continuing adaptation of local procedures.

B. On 9 December a youth was killed when he and others "attacked" an IDF patrol in the Gaza Strip Jabalyah refugee camp in apparent retaliation for the death of four local residents, rumored to have been purposely struck down by an Israeli vehicle. Tension increased throughout the Gaza Strip and West Bank following the youth's death, and rioting spread quickly throughout the territories. By the end of the month 21 residents of the territories had been killed and nearly 2000 had been arrested in the unrest. Israel's use of force drew widespread international criticism and renewed fears for the stability of the country's relations with Egypt. With the exception of a couple of days around the Christmas holiday, U.S. mission personnel have been restricted to travel within the pre-1967 borders; i.e., East Jerusalem, The Old City, and Bethlehem also are "off limits". The outlook is that those restrictions will continue as unrest and disturbances, albeit somewhat less violent and less frequent, continue into the new year.

II OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

With the merger of the Turkish Communist Party and the Turkish Workers Party into the Turkish United Communist Party, the clandestine Voice of the Turkish Communist Party ceased broadcasting as of 16 November in order "to bring about the success of this new phase" in the communist movement.

B. Lateral Services

1. With a great deal of assistance from LRB, the long-standing question of how and what to file to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, was finally laid to rest. The Embassy's updated communications equipment now allows it to receive the entire FBIS file on Turkey without any special downgrade of assigned precedence.

2. In December the bureau began pouching audio tapes of the Jerusalem Domestic Service weekly programs "This Week in the Knesset" and the "Army and Security Supplement" and the Jerusalem Television Service weekly interview programs "Moqed" and "Mabat Sheni" for use by a headquarters consumer.

C. Technical

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. During December the embassy completed the annual wage survey and forwarded it to State/FSN for analysis and computation.

2. The final stage of recruiting a Hebrew monitor to replace [] has been reached with the field of candidates being narrowed to three. The bureau expects to EOD the selected candidate by the end of February.

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3. Communications section chief [] was promoted to FBN-7 effective 22 December.

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IV. VISITS

The last of the LEC FBA-1 visitors departed during December, [] on the 23d and [] on the 30th. John had extended his stay by 4 days to provide further systems administrator training, and Fred had stayed over the Christmas holiday to provide the bureau with its full quota of post-delivery support and training.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC

Attachments: Production Report